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For: FLAVIVIRUS EXPRESSION )  
AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS )

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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, the unextended period for response to which is set to expire January 2, 2002.

In the Claims

Please substitute the amended claims 1, 6, 11, 22, 23, 37, 40, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49 and 60 as provided below for the respective pending claims with the same number. A VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE is attached hereto in which deletions are designated by brackets and insertions of new language are underlined.

1. A gene expression and delivery system comprising:
  - (a) a replicon of flavivirus origin as a first vector, which is adapted to receive at least a nucleotide sequence without disrupting its replication capabilities and which is unable to express at least part or all of a structural protein(s) region and or a protein(s) or part thereof required for packaging of a flavivirus genome into a virus-like particle; and